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Amendment to the Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A vacuum device comprising:
- a plurality of cryopumps connected with one or more vacuum chambers,
- a compressor means connected via media supply conduits and media return conduits with the <u>plurality of cryopumps</u>,
 - an adjusting means connected before <u>each of</u> at least one of the cryopumps for controlling the amount of media fed to the <u>corresponding</u> cryopump <u>during cooling</u>, the adjusting means including a throttle <u>device arranged in the corresponding media supply conduit to supply the cryopump with a first amount of media and a valve in a bypass conduit to increase the supply of the media to the <u>corresponding cryopump</u>,</u>
 - a temperature measuring device connected with <u>each of the at least one</u> the cryopumps, and
 - a controller connected with the adjusting means and the temperature measuring device of each of the at least one cryopumps,
 - wherein in response to a temperature of one of the cryopumps rising, the controller controls the valve in the corresponding bypass conduit to increase the media supplied and reduce the temperature of the corresponding cryopump
- the adjusting means comprising a throttle means arranged in the corresponding media supply conduit and a valve arranged in a throttle bypass conduit.
 - 2. (Currently Amended) The vacuum device according to claim 1, wherein the cross-section of the <u>a</u> throttle bypass conduit is designed for a maximum media supply.
 - 3. (Previously Presented) The vacuum device according to claim 1, wherein the throttle device has a cross-section designed for the media supply required for standard operation.

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- 4. (Previously Presented) The vacuum device according to claim 1, wherein the cross-sectional area of the throttle device is adjustable.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The vacuum device according to claim 1, wherein the flow rate through the valve in the bypass line is adjustable.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The vacuum device according to claim 1, further including an adjusting means connected before each cryopump.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The A vacuum system according to elaim 7 comprising:

a plurality of cryopumps connected with a vacuum chamber, each cryopump including a temperature sensor;

a plurality of supply conduits which supply a gaseous cooling medium to the plurality of cryopumps;

a plurality of adjustable valve assemblies in the supply conduits which adjustably control an amount of the gaseous cooling medium supplied to a corresponding vacuum pump;

a controller connected with the temperature sensors and the adjustable valve assemblies, the controller controlling each valve assembly in accordance with a sensed temperature of a corresponding cryopump supplied by the valve assembly wherein the controlling means controller causes each valve assembly to:

supply a preselected amount of the cooling medium when a sensed temperature of the corresponding cryopump is below a target temperature; and,

supply a greater increase the amount of the supplied cooling medium when the sensed temperature is warmer than the target temperature.

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9. (Currently Amended) The vacuum system according to claim 8 wherein the adjustable valve assemblies each comprise:

a first conduit which throttles the eompressed gaseous cooling medium to supply the preselected amount;

a second conduit in parallel with the first, the second conduit having a larger-flow capacity than the first to supply more than the preselected amount of the compressed cooling medium; and,

a control valve in the second conduit which controls the supply of the compressed cooling medium through the second conduit.

10. (Currently Amended) In a vacuum system including a plurality of cryopumps, each cryopump including a temperature sensor, a plurality of supply conduits which supply a compressed cooling medium to the plurality of cryopumps, a plurality of adjustable valve assemblies in the supply conduits which adjustably control an amount of the compressed cooling medium supplied to an associated vacuum pump, a controller programmed to:

control the valve assemblies to supply a preselected amount of the cooling medium when a sensed temperature of the corresponding cryopump is below a target temperature; and,

control <u>each one of</u> the valve assemblies to <u>supply a greater increase</u> the <u>supplied</u> amount of the cooling medium <u>to its corresponding cryopump</u> when the sensed temperature <u>of the corresponding cryopump</u> is warmer than the target temperature.